

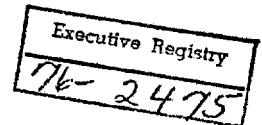
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Honorable George Bush
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

Through the courtesy of your General Counsel's office we have received a copy of your letter of June 2 to Senator Hugh Scott indicating the intent to resume the disposal of Central Intelligence Agency records.

The disposal of Federal records is governed by the Federal Records Act which requires the approval of the Administrator of General Services (44 U.S.C. 3303a) before such disposal can take place. This authority has been delegated by the Administrator to the Archivist of the United States.

In view of our responsibility in this area we believe that some clarification of your June 2 letter is desirable. I refer particularly to the references to "records which were collected and maintained by the Agency and which were subject to investigation by the Rockefeller Commission and the Select Committee" and to the Privacy Act and Executive Order 11905 requiring the destruction of records. I would appreciate knowing whether the requirements of the Federal Records Act are being observed and, in particular, whether the records proposed for destruction have been described on records disposition schedules approved by us.

I share with you the desire to dispose of records which have no permanent value at an early moment. However, pending clarification of the above points I would appreciate it if you would continue in effect the moratorium on the destruction of Central Intelligence Agency records.

Sincerely,

JAMES B. RHOADS
Archivist of the United States

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